

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 ARA-06 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 2182

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FOR A/CCT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, VE

SUBJECT: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING

1. CARACAS RADIO REPORTED AT APPROXIMATELY 1700 THAT A MESSAGE HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE NIEHOUS HOME FROM AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "COMMANDO REVOLUCIONARIO", WHICH ADMITTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KIDNAPPING AND CLAIMED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN DONE FOR MONEY. A SUBSEQUENT BROADCAST AMPLIFIED THE STORY, STATING THAT THE MESSAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY GERMAN CARRIAS OF THE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM OF THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY AND SOMETIME REPORTER FOR EL NACIONAL. IN THIS BROADCAST THE NAME OF THE GROUP WAS GIVEN AS THE "COMMANDO ARGIMIRO GABALDON." THE MESSAGE IS ALSO REPORTED TO SAY THAT NIEHOUS WOULD BE TRIED AS AN "AGENT OF THE TRANSNATIONALS" AND WARNED THE AUTHORITIES AGAINST REPRISALS WITH THE RISK OF ELIMINATING NIEHOUS.

2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE EMBASSY, THE VICE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR CONFIRMED THE GENERAL IMPORT  
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OF THE MESSAGE. HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF THE BROAD-

CAST. IT WAS BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION BY THE EMBASSY.

3. THE EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SO-CALLED  
"COMMANDO ARGIMIRO GABALDON."

4. MESSRS. FRANK LYNCH AND JOE MROZ, SECURITY OFFICERS  
FOR OWENS-ILLIONOIS IN TOLEDO, HAVE JUST ARRIVED AT THE  
EMBASSY. THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM.  
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## Message Attributes

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